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FROM

BUNYAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

FOR

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

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"Art thou for something rare and profitable?
Or, would'st thou see a Truth within a Fable?
Art thou forgetful? Would'st thou remember
From New Year's Day to the last of December?
Then, read my Fancies; they will stick like burrs,
And may be to the Helpless, Comforters."

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JANUARY

1 A PILGRIM WALKED THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THIS WORLD WITH A BOOK IN HIS HAND, AND A GREAT BURDEN UPON HIS BACK; AND, AS HE READ, HE WEPT AND TREMBLED, SAYING, WHAT SHALL I DO?

2 THEN SAID EVANGELIST, DO YOU SEE YONDER WICKET GATE? DO YOU SEE YONDER SHINING LIGHT? KEEP THAT LIGHT IN YOUR EYE, AND GO DIRECTLY THERETO: SO SHALT THOU SEE THE GATE: AT WHICH, WHEN THOU KNOCKEST, IT SHALL BE TOLD THEE WHAT THOU SHALT DO.

3 I AM GOING TO YONDER WICKET GATE BEFORE ME, FOR THERE, AS I AM INFORMED, I SHALL BE PUT INTO A WAY TO BE RID OF MY HEAVY BURDEN.

JANUARY

4 I WOULD ADVISE THEE, THEN, THAT THOU WITH ALL SPEED GET THYSELF RID OF THY BURDEN, FOR THOU WILT NEVER BE SETTLED IN THY MIND TILL THEN; NOR CANST THOU ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF THE BLESSING WHICH GOD HATH BESTOWED UPON THEE TILL THEN.

5 NOW, HIS NAME WAS CHRISTIAN, AND HE TRIED TO PERSUADE HIS FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS TO LEAVE THE CITY OF DESTRUCTION, SAYING, ALL WHICH YOU SHALL FORSAKE IS NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH A LITTLE OF THAT THAT I AM SEEKING TO ENJOY; FOR THERE WHERE I GO IS ENOUGH AND TO SPARE.

6 CHRISTIAN NO SOONER LEAVES THE WORLD BUT MEETS EVANGELIST, WHO LOVINGLY HIM GREETS, WITH TIDINGS OF ANOTHER, AND DOTH SHOW HIM HOW TO MOUNT TO THAT FROM THIS BELOW.

7 COME AWAY AND PROVE MY WORDS.

8 WHAT ARE THE THINGS YOU SEEK, SINCE YOU LEAVE ALL THE WORLD TO FIND THEM?

9 IF YOU BELIEVE NOT ME, READ HERE IN THIS BOOK; AND FOR THE TRUTH OF WHAT IS EXPREST THEREIN, BEHOLD, ALL IS CONFIRMED BY THE BLOOD OF HIM THAT MADE IT.

10 I SEEK AN INHERITANCE, INCORRUPTIBLE, UNDEFILED, AND THAT FADETH NOT AWAY; AND IT IS LAID UP IN HEAVEN AND SAFE THERE, TO BE BESTOWED AT THE TIME APPOINTED ON THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK IT.

11 COME WITH ME; THERE ARE SUCH THINGS TO BE HAD WHICH I SPOKE OF, AND MANY MORE GLORIES BESIDES.

12 THERE IS AN ENDLESS KINGDOM TO BE INHABITED, AND EVERLASTING LIFE TO BE GIVEN US, THAT WE MAY INHABIT THAT KINGDOM FOR EVER.

13 THERE ARE CROWNS OF GLORY TO BE GIVEN US, AND GARMENTS THAT WILL MAKE US SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE FIRMAMENT OF HEAVEN.

14 THERE SHALL BE NO MORE CRYING, NOR SORROW, FOR HE THAT IS OWNER OF THE PLACE WILL WIPE ALL TEARS FROM OUR EYES.

15 WHAT COMPANY SHALL WE HAVE THERE?

16 THERE YOU SHALL MEET WITH THOUSANDS AND TEN THOUSANDS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US TO THAT PLACE. NONE OF THEM ARE HURTFUL, BUT LOVING AND HOLY.

17 HOW SHALL WE GET TO BE SHARERS HEREOF?

18 THE LORD HATH RECORDED IN THIS BOOK THAT IF WE BE TRULY WILLING TO HAVE IT, HE WILL BESTOW IT UPON US FREELY.

19 GLAD AM I TO HEAR THESE THINGS. COME ON, LET US MEND OUR PACE.

20 NOW, CHRISTIAN, BECAUSE OF THE BURDEN THAT WAS ON HIS BACK, DID SUDDENLY FALL INTO THE BOG—THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND.

21 THEN PLIABLE TURNED BACK, AND HELP CAME TO CHRISTIAN AND GAVE HIM HIS HAND AND DREW HIM OUT, AND BID HIM GO ON HIS WAY.

22 NOW, WORLDLY WISEMAN ADVISES TO GET RID OF THY BURDEN, FOR THOU WILT NEVER BE SETTLED IN THY MIND TILL THEN: THOU ART LIKE TO MEET IN THE WAY THOU GOEST WEARINESS, PAINFULNESS, HUNGER, PERIL, NAKEDNESS, SWORD, LIONS, DRAGONS, DARKNESS, AND IN A WORD, DEATH.

23 WHEN CHRISTIANS WITH CARNAL MEN GIVE EAR, OUT OF THEIR WAY THEY GO, AND PAY FOR 'T DEAR; FOR MASTER WORLDLY WISEMAN CAN BUT SHOW A SAINT THE WAY TO BONDAGE AND TO WO.

24 SEE THAT YE REFUSE NOT HIM THAT SPEAKETH, FOR IF THEY ESCAPED NOT WHO REFUSED HIM THAT SPAKE ON EARTH, MUCH MORE SHALL NOT WE ESCAPE IF WE TURN AWAY FROM HIM THAT SPEAKETH FROM HEAVEN.

25 NOW, THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH, BUT IF ANY MAN DRAWS BACK, MY SOUL SHALL HAVE NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

26 THOU ART THE MAN, THOU ART RUNNING INTO MISERY; THOU HAST BEGUN TO REJECT THE COUNSEL OF THE MOST HIGH, AND TO DRAW BACK THY FOOT FROM THE WAY OF PEACE, EVEN ALMOST TO THE HAZARDING OF THY PERDITION.

27 WO IS ME, FOR I AM UNDONE! BE NOT FAITHLESS, BUT BELIEVING.

28 REJECT THE COUNSEL OF WORLDLY WISEMAN, FOR THE LORD SAYS, STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE, FOR STRAIT IS THE GATE THAT LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.

29 THOU MUST PREFER THE CROSS BEFORE THE TREASURES OF EGYPT. THE KING OF GLORY HATH TOLD THEE THAT HE THAT WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT.

30 KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. MAY I NOW ENTER HERE? WILL HE WITHIN OPEN TO SORRY ME, THOUGH I HAVE BEEN AN UNDESERVING REBEL? THEN SHALL I NOT FAIL TO SING HIS LASTING PRAISE ON HIGH.

JANUARY

31 HE THAT WILL ENTER IN MUST FIRST WITHOUT STAND KNOCKING AT THE GATE, NOR NEED HE DOUBT THAT IS A KNOCKER, BUT TO ENTER IN, FOR GOD CAN LOVE HIM AND FORGIVE HIS SIN.

FEBRUARY

1 AS TO THY BURDEN, BE CONTENT TO BEAR IT UNTIL THOU COMEST TO THE PLACE OF DELIVERANCE, FOR THERE IT WILL FALL FROM THY BACK ITSELF.

2 JUST AS CHRISTIAN CAME UP WITH THE CROSS HIS BURDEN LOOSED FROM OFF HIS SHOULDERS AND FELL FROM OFF HIS BACK, AND BEGAN TO TUMBLE, AND SO CONTINUED TO DO TILL IT CAME TO THE MOUTH OF THE SEPULCHRE, WHERE IT FELL IN, AND I SAW IT NO MORE.

3 AS HE STOOD LOOKING, BEHOLD, THREE SHINING ONES CAME TO HIM AND SALUTED HIM WITH, PEACE BE TO THEE.

4 HE WOULD BE OFTEN READING IN THE ROLL THAT ONE OF THE SHINING ONES GAVE HIM, BY WHICH HE WAS REFRESHED.

February

5 Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with a merry heart, He hath given me rest by his sorrow, and life by his death.

6 We are always most zealous when religion goes in his silver slippers. We love much to walk with him in the street, if the sun shines and the people applaud him.

7 Then I perceive 'tis not best to covet things that are now, but to wait for things to come.

8 The comforter be always with thee, good Christian, to guide thee in the way that leads to the city.

9 But the narrow way lay right up the hill, and the name of the going up the side of the hill is called Difficulty.

February

10 If I can get to the celestial city, I am sure to be in safety there. I must venture, I will yet go forward.

11 The hill, though high, I covet to ascend; The difficulty will not me offend; For perceive the way to life lies here. Come! pluck up, heart, let's neither faint nor fear. Better, though difficult, the right way to go, Than wrong, though easy, where the end is wo.

12 He lift up his eyes, and behold! There was a very stately palace before him, the name of which was Beautiful; and it stood just by the highway side.

13 Fear not the lions, for they are chained. Keep in the midst of the path and no hurt shall come unto thee.

14 SO WATCHFUL, THE PORTER, RANG A BELL, AT THE SOUND OF WHICH CAME OUT AT THE DOOR OF THE HOUSE A GRAVE AND BEAUTIFUL DAMSEL NAMED DISCRETION.

15 SO SHE SMILED, BUT THE WATER STOOD IN HER EYES, AND SHE RAN AND CALLED PRUDENCE, PIETY, AND CHARITY.

16 LET US TALK WITH YOU OF ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU IN YOUR PILGRIMAGE.

17 DO YOU NOT FIND SOMETIMES AS IF THOSE THINGS WERE VANQUISHED, WHICH AT OTHER TIMES ARE YOUR PERPLEXITY?

18 YES, BUT THAT IS SELDOM; BUT THEY ARE TO ME GOLDEN HOURS IN WHICH SUCH THINGS HAPPEN TO ME.

February

19 I would fain be where I shall die no more, and with the company that shall continually cry, Holy! Holy! Holy!

20 Indeed, I cannot commend my life, for I am conscious to myself of many failings therein.

21 And all their talk at the table was about the Lord of the hill.

22 They had it from his own lips, that he is such a lover of poor pilgrims that the like is not to be found from the east to the west.

23 The pilgrim they laid in a large upper chamber, whose window opened toward the sun-rising. The name of the chamber was Peace.

February

24 WHERE AM I NOW? IS THIS THE LOVE AND CARE OF JESUS FOR THE MEN THAT PILGRIMS ARE, THUS TO PROVIDE? THAT I SHOULD BE FORGIVEN, AND DWELL ALREADY THE NEXT DOOR TO HEAVEN?

25 IN THE ARMORY, WHICH THEIR LORD PROVIDED, WERE THE SWORD, SHIELD, HELMET, BREAST-PLATE ALL-PRAYER, AND SHOES THAT WOULD NOT WEAR OUT.

26 THEY SHOWED HIM, BESIDES, MANY EXCELLENT THINGS, WITH WHICH CHRISTIAN WAS DELIGHTED.

27 THEY WERE NEARER THE DESIRED HAVEN; THEY SAID IT WAS IMMANUEL'S LAND.

28 THEREFORE HE RESOLVED TO VENTURE AND TO STAND HIS GROUND; FOR, THOUGHT HE, HAD I NO MORE IN MINE EYE THAN THE SAVING OF MY LIFE, 'TWOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO STAND.

February

29 I count that the prince under whose banner now I stand is able to absolve me. I am his servant, and I will follow him.

MARCH

1 HIS FORBEARING AT PRESENT TO DELIVER THEM IS ON PURPOSE TO TRY THEIR LOVE, WHETHER THEY WILL CLEAVE TO HIM TO THE END.

2 FOR, FOR PRESENT DELIVERANCE THEY DO NOT MUCH EXPECT IT, FOR THEY STAY FOR THEIR GLORY, AND THEN THEY SHALL HAVE IT, WHEN THEIR PRINCE COMES IN HIS AND THE GLORY OF THE ANGELS.

3 WHEN THOU TALKEST OF THY JOURNEY AND OF WHAT THOU HAST HEARD AND SEEN, THOU ART INWARDLY DESIROUS OF VAIN-GLORY IN ALL THAT THOU SAYEST AND DOEST.

4 THE PRINCE WHOM I SERVE AND HONOR IS MERCIFUL AND READY TO FORGIVE, AND I HAVE OBTAINED PARDON OF MY PRINCE.

5 I AM IN THE KING'S HIGHWAY, THE WAY OF HOLINESS.

March

6 I WILL HERE GIVE THANKS TO HIM THAT HATH DELIVERED ME OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE LION, TO HIM THAT DID HELP ME AGAINST APOLLYON.

7 IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US.

8 THEN THERE CAME TO HIM A HAND WITH SOME OF THE LEAVES OF THE TREE OF LIFE.

9 HE ALSO SAT DOWN IN THAT PLACE TO EAT BREAD.

10 SO, BEING REFRESHED, HE ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO HIS JOURNEY, WITH HIS SWORD DRAWN IN HIS HAND.

11 I WILL WALK IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD.

March

12 | THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NONE ILL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME.

13 | THEN WAS HE GLAD, BECAUSE HE GATHERED FROM THENCE THAT SOME WHO FEARED GOD WERE IN THIS VALLEY AS WELL AS HIMSELF.

14 | HE HATH TURNED THE SHADOW OF DEATH INTO THE MORNING.

15 | HE DISCOVERETH DEEP THINGS OUT OF DARKNESS, AND BRINGETH OUT TO LIGHT THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

16 | JUST NOW THE SUN WAS RISING. HIS CANDLE SHINETH ON MY HEAD, AND BY HIS LIGHT I GO THROUGH DARKNESS.

March

17 O WORLD OF WONDERS! (I CAN SAY NO LESS.) THAT I SHOULD BE PRESERV'D IN THAT DISTRESS THAT I HAVE MET WITH HERE! O BLESSED BE THAT HAND THAT FROM IT HATH DELIVERED ME!

18 CHRISTIAN AND FAITHFUL WENT VERY LOVINGLY ON TOGETHER, AND HAD SWEET DISCOURSE OF ALL THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM ON THEIR PILGRIMAGE.

19 GOD HAS SO TEMPERED OUR SPIRITS THAT WE CAN WALK AS COMPANIONS IN THIS SO PLEASANT A PATH.

20 AT THE DAY OF DOOM WE SHALL NOT BE DOOMED TO DEATH OR LIFE ACCORDING TO THE HECTORING SPIRITS OF THE WORLD, BUT ACCORDING TO THE WISDOM AND LAW OF THE HIGHEST.

March

21 WHAT GOD SAYS IS BEST, IS BEST, THOUGH ALL THE MEN IN THE WORLD ARE AGAINST IT.

22 THE POOR MAN THAT LOVETH CHRIST IS RICHER THAN THE GREATEST MAN IN THE WORLD THAT HATES HIM.

23 THE TRIALS THAT THOSE MEN DO MEET WITHAL THAT ARE OBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY CALL, ARE MANIFOLD, AND SUITED TO THE FLESH, AND COME, AND COME, AND COME AGAIN AFRESH. THAT NOW, OR SOME TIME ELSE, WE BY THEM MAY BE TAKEN, OVERCOME, AND CAST AWAY. OH, LET THE PILGRIMS, LET THE PILGRIMS THEN BE VIGILANT, AND QUIT THEMSELVES LIKE MEN.

24 I THINK WE MUST CRY TO HIM FOR HELP AGAINST SHAME, THAT WOULD HAVE US TO BE VALIANT FOR TRUTH UPON THE EARTH.

March

25 I HAD SUNSHINE ALL THE REST OF THE WAY THROUGH THE VALLEY OF HUMILITY.

26 I CRIED TO GOD AND HE HEARD ME, AND DELIVERED ME OUT OF ALL MY TROUBLES.

27 LET US GO TOGETHER, AND LET US SPEND OUR TIME IN DISCOURSING OF THINGS THAT ARE PROFITABLE.

28 TO TALK OF THINGS THAT ARE GOOD, TO ME IS VERY ACCEPTABLE, WITH YOU OR WITH ANY OTHER.

29 WHAT THINGS SO PLEASANT AND WHAT SO PROFITABLE AS TO TALK OF THE THINGS OF GOD.

30 WHAT THINGS SO PLEASANT IF A MAN DOTH DELIGHT TO TALK OF THE HISTORY AND THE MYSTERY OF THINGS.

MARCH

31 WHERE SHALL HE FIND THINGS RECORDED SO DELIGHTFUL AND SO SWEETLY PENNED AS IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES?

APRIL

1 I AM READY TO THINK YOU DO BUT JEST, BECAUSE YOU SMILED.

2 A MAN MAY LEARN BY TALK WHAT IT IS TO REPENT, TO BELIEVE, TO PRAY, TO SUFFER, AND THE LIKE.

3 A MAN MAY LEARN BY TALK TO REFUTE FALSE OPINIONS.

4 A MAN CAN RECEIVE NOTHING EXCEPT IT BE GIVEN HIM FROM HEAVEN. ALL IS OF GRACE—NOT OF WORKS.

5 I COULD GIVE YOU A HUNDRED SCRIPTURES FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

6 THIS MAN WITH WHOM YOU ARE SO TAKEN WILL BEGUILE, WITH THIS TONGUE OF HIS, TWENTY OF THEM THAT KNOW HIM NOT.

April

7 He talketh of prayer, of repentance, of faith, and of the new birth, but he knows but only to talk of them.

8 I have been in his family and have observed him both at home and abroad, and I know what I say of him is the truth.

9 His house is as empty of religion as the white of an egg is of savour.

10 I see that saying and doing are two things, and hereafter I shall better observe this distinction.

11 Saying, if it be alone, is but a dead carcass.

12 Hearing is but as the sowing of the seed; talking is not sufficient to prove that fruit is indeed in the heart and life.

April

13 GO TO HIM AND ENTER INTO SOME SERIOUS DISCOURSE ABOUT THE POWER OF RELIGION.

14 HOW DOTH THE SAVING GRACE OF GOD DISCOVER ITSELF WHEN IT IS IN THE HEART OF MEN.

15 WHERE THE GRACE OF GOD IS IN THE HEART IT CAUSETH THERE A GREAT OUTCRY AGAINST SIN.

16 TO KNOW IS A THING THAT PLEASETH TALKERS AND BOASTERS, BUT TO DO IS THAT WHICH PLEASETH GOD.

17 THERE IS, THEREFORE, KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWLEDGE. GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING AND I SHALL KEEP THY LAW; YEA, I SHALL OBSERVE IT WITH MY WHOLE HEART.

April

18 A WORK OF GRACE IN THE SOUL DISCOVERETH ITSELF EITHER TO HIM THAT HATH IT OR TO STANDERS BY.

19 A WORK OF GRACE IS DISCOVERED BY AN EXPERIMENTAL CONFESSION OF HIS FAITH IN CHRIST.

20 SAY NOTHING BUT WHAT YOUR CONSCIENCE CAN JUSTIFY YOU IN.

21 HOW TALKATIVE AT FIRST LIFTS UP HIS PLUMES, HOW BRAVELY DOTH HE SPEAK! HOW HE PRESUMES TO DRIVE DOWN ALL BEFORE HIM! BUT SO SOON AS FAITHFUL TALKS OF HEART-WORK, LIKE THE MOON THAT'S PAST THE FULL, INTO THE WANE HE GOES; AND SO WILL ALL, BUT HE THAT HEART-WORK KNOWS.

22 THUS THEY WENT ON TALKING OF WHAT THEY HAD SEEN BY THE WAY, AND SO MADE THAT WAY EASY, WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN TEDIOUS TO THEM.

April

23 THE SIGHT OF THY COUNTENANCE BRINGS TO MY REMEMBRANCE THY ANCIENT KINDNESS AND UNWEARIED LABORING FOR MY ETERNAL GOOD.

24 THEN THEY TOLD HIM OF ALL THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM IN THE WAY AND HOW, AND WITH WHAT DIFFICULTY THEY HAD ARRIVED.

25 RIGHT GLAD AM I OF THIS THING, AND THAT FOR MINE OWN SAKE AND YOURS.

26 RIGHT GLAD AM I, NOT THAT YOU HAVE MET WITH TRIALS, BUT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN VICTORS.

27 THE CROWN IS BEFORE YOU, AND IT IS AN INCORRUPTIBLE ONE; SO RUN THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN IT.

28 HOLD FAST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU HAVE LET NO MAN TAKE YOUR CROWN.

April

29 YOU ARE NOT YET OUT OF GUN-SHOT OF THE DEVIL; YOU HAVE NOT RESISTED UNTO BLOOD.

30 SET YOUR FACES LIKE A FLINT. YOU HAVE ALL THE POWER IN HEAVEN AND EARTH ON YOUR SIDE.

MAY

1 THEY PRESENTLY SAW A TOWN BEFORE THEM. THE NAME OF THAT TOWN IS VANITY, AND THERE IS A FAIR KEPT CALLED VANITY FAIR. IT IS KEPT ALL THE YEAR LONG.

2 HE THAT WILL GO TO THE CITY AND YET NOT GO THROUGH THIS TOWN, MUST NEEDS GO OUT OF THE WORLD.

3 WHAT WILL YE BUY? WE BUY THE TRUTH.

4 NOW, FAITHFUL, PLAY THE MAN, SPEAK FOR THY GOD. FEAR NOT THE WICKED'S MALICE NOR THEIR ROD. SPEAK BOLDLY, MAN, THE TRUTH IS ON THY SIDE. DIE FOR IT, AND TO LIFE IN TRIUMPH RIDE.

MAY

5 I HEARD HIM ONCE AFFIRM THAT CHRISTIANITY AND THE CUSTOMS OF OUR TOWN OF VANITY WERE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSITE, AND COULD NOT BE RECONCILED.

6 IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD THERE IS REQUIRED A DIVINE FAITH, BUT THERE CAN BE NO DIVINE FAITH WITHOUT A DIVINE REVELATION OF THE WILL OF GOD.

7 BRAVE FAITHFUL, BRAVELY DONE IN WORD AND DEED; JUDGE, WITNESSES, AND JURY HAVE, INSTEAD OF OVERCOMING THEE, BUT SHEWN THEIR RAGE. WHEN THEY ARE DEAD, THOU'LT LIVE FROM AGE TO AGE.

8 WELL, FAITHFUL, THOU HAST FAITHFULLY PROFEST UNTO THY LORD, WITH WHOM THOU SHALT BE BLEST.

MAY

9 YOU MUST OWN RELIGION IN HIS RAGS, AS WELL AS WHEN IN HIS SILVER SLIPPERS, AND STAND BY HIM, TOO, WHEN BOUND IN IRONS, AS WELL AS WHEN HE WALKETH THE STREETS WITH APPLAUSE.

10 IF I CANNOT GO WITH YOU I MUST EVEN GO BY MYSELF UNTIL SOME OVERTAKE ME THAT WILL BE GLAD OF MY COMPANY.

11 THEY CAME AT A DELICATE PLAIN CALLED EASE, WHERE THEY WENT WITH MUCH CONTENT, BUT THAT PLAIN WAS BUT NARROW, SO THEY WERE QUICKLY GOT OVER IT.

12 I SAW, THEN, THAT THEY WENT ON THEIR WAY TO A PLEASANT RIVER. HERE, THEREFORE, CHRISTIAN AND HIS COMPANION WALKED WITH GREAT DELIGHT.

MAY

13 THEY DRANK ALSO OF THE WATER OF THE RIVER, WHICH WAS PLEASANT AND ENLIVENING TO THEIR WEARY SPIRITS.

14 ON THE BANKS OF THIS RIVER ON EITHER SIDE WERE GREEN TREES, THAT BORE ALL MANNER OF FRUIT, AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREES WERE GOOD FOR MEDICINE.

15 ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER WAS ALSO A MEADOW CURIOUSLY BEAUTIFIED WITH LILIES, AND IT WAS GREEN ALL THE YEAR LONG.

16 IN THIS MEADOW THEY LAY DOWN AND SLEPT, FOR HERE THEY MIGHT LIE DOWN SAFELY.

17 NOW, THE WAY FROM THE RIVER WAS ROUGH AND THEIR FEET TENDER, SO THE SOUL OF THE PILGRIMS WAS MUCH DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY.

MAY

18 I WOULD HAVE SPOKEN PLAINER, BUT THAT YOU ARE OLDER THAN I.

19 BE COMFORTED, FOR I FORGIVE THEE; AND BELIEVE, TOO, THAT THIS SHALL BE FOR OUR GOOD.

20 ON SATURDAY ABOUT MIDNIGHT THEY BEGAN TO PRAY, AND CONTINUED IN PRAYER TILL ALMOST BREAK OF DAY.

21 I HAVE A KEY IN MY BOSOM CALLED PROMISE THAT WILL, I AM PERSUADED, OPEN ANY LOCK IN DOUBTING CASTLE.

22 OUT OF THE WAY WE WENT, AND THEN WE FOUND WHAT 'TWAS TO TREAD UPON FORBIDDEN GROUND; AND LET THEM THAT COME AFTER HAVE A CARE, LEST HEEDLESSNESS MAKES THEM, AS WE, TO FARE; LEST THEY FOR TRESPASSING HIS PRISONERS ARE, WHOSE CASTLE'S DOUBTING, AND WHOSE NAME'S DESPAIR.

MAY

23 MOUNTAINS DELECTABLE THEY NOW ASCEND, WHERE SHEPHERDS BE, WHICH TO THEM DO COMMEND ALLURING THINGS, AND THINGS THAT CAUTIONS ARE. PILGRIMS ARE STEADY KEPT BY FAITH AND FEAR.

24 THE LORD OF THESE MOUNTAINS HATH GIVEN US A CHARGE NOT TO BE FORGETFUL TO ENTERTAIN STRANGERS, THEREFORE THE GOOD OF THE PLACE IS BEFORE YOU.

25 THUS, BY THE SHEPHERDS SECRETS ARE REVEALED, WHICH FROM ALL OTHER MEN ARE KEPT CONCEALED. COME TO THE SHEPHERDS, THEN, IF YOU WOULD SEE THINGS DEEP, THINGS HID, AND THAT MYSTERIOUS BE.

26 YE BE UTTER STRANGERS TO ME, SAID IGNORANCE, BE CONTENT TO FOLLOW THE RELIGION OF YOUR COUNTRY AND I WILL FOLLOW THE RELIGION OF MINE.

MAY

27 IT IS NOT GOOD TO SAY ALL TO HIM AT ONCE. LET US PASS HIM BY IF YOU WILL AND TALK TO HIM ANON, EVEN AS HE IS ABLE TO BEAR IT.

28 WHEN HE BEGAN TO BE COMFORTED THEREWITH, THEN WOULD FRESH THOUGHTS OF HIS LOSS COME AGAIN UPON HIM, AND THOSE THOUGHTS WOULD SWALLOW UP ALL.

29 THOU TALKEST LIKE ONE UPON WHOSE HEAD IS THE SHELL TO THIS VERY DAY.

30 THEREFORE, HE THAT HAD SKILL HATH SAID: ABOVE ALL, TAKE THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WHEREWITH YE SHALL BE ABLE TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED.

31 THOUGH FAITHLESS ONES CAN FOR CARNAL LUSTS, PAWN, OR MORTGAGE, OR SELL, WHAT THEY HAVE, AND THEMSELVES OUTRIGHT TO BOOT, YET THEY THAT HAVE FAITH, SAVING FAITH, THOUGH BUT A LITTLE OF IT, CANNOT DO SO.

JUNE

1 PASS BY THAT, AND CONSIDER THE MATTER UNDER DEBATE, AND ALL SHALL BE WELL BETWIXT THEE AND ME.

2 PETER UPON A TIME WOULD GO TRY WHAT HE COULD DO, BUT THOUGH SOME DO SAY OF HIM THAT HE IS THE PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES, THEY HANDLED HIM SO THAT THEY MADE HIM AT LAST AFRAID OF A SORRY GIRL.

3 POOR LITTLE FAITH! HAST BEEN AMONG THE THIEVES? WAST ROBBED? REMEMBER THIS: WHOSO BELIEVES AND GETS MORE FAITH SHALL THEN A VICTOR BE OVER TEN THOUSAND, ELSE, SCARCE OVER THREE.

4 THEREIN WE HAVE ALSO FORGOTTEN TO READ, AND HAVE NOT KEPT OURSELVES FROM THE PATHS OF THE DESTROYER.

JUNE

5 SO THEY THANKED HIM FOR ALL HIS KINDNESS AND WENT SOFTLY ALONG THE RIGHT WAY SINGING.

6 COME HITHER, YOU THAT WALK ALONG THE WAY, SEE HOW THE PILGRIMS FARE THAT GO ASTRAY; THEY CATCHED ARE IN AN ENTANGLING NET, 'CAUSE THEY GOOD COUNSEL LIGHTLY DID FORGET. 'TIS TRUE THEY RESCU'D WERE, BUT YET YOU SEE THEY'RE SCOURGED TO BOOT: LET THIS YOUR CAUTION BE.

7 LET THEE AND I GO ON KNOWING THAT WE HAVE BELIEF OF THE TRUTH, AND NO LIE IS OF THE TRUTH.

8 NOW DO I REJOICE IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

JUNE

9 DO YOU NOT REMEMBER THAT ONE OF THE SHEPHERDS BID US BEWARE OF SLEEPING IN THE INCHANTED GROUND? WHEREFORE LET US NOT SLEEP, AS DO OTHERS, BUT LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER.

10 I SEE IT IS TRUE THAT THE WISE MAN SAITH, TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE. HITHERTO HATH THY COMPANY BEEN MY MERCY, AND THOU SHALT HAVE A GOOD REWARD FOR THY LABOR.

11 WHEN SAINTS DO SLEEPY GROW, LET THEM COME HITHER AND HEAR HOW THESE TWO PILGRIMS TALK TOGETHER. YEA, LET THEM LEARN OF THEM, IN ANY WISE THUS TO KEEP OPE THEIR DROWSY, SLUMBERING EYES. SAINTS' FELLOWSHIP, IF IT BE MANAGED WELL, KEEPS THEM AWAKE, AND THAT IN SPITE OF HELL.

JUNE

12 THE HOURS IN WHICH CONVICTIONS WERE UPON ME WERE SUCH TROUBLESOME AND SUCH HEART-AFFRIGHTING HOURS THAT I COULD NOT BEAR, NO, NOT SO MUCH AS THE REMEMBRANCE OF THEM UPON MY HEART.

13 I THOUGHT I MUST ENDEAVOR TO MEND MY LIFE; FOR ELSE, THOUGHT I, I AM SURE TO BE DAMNED.

14 IF I LOOK NARROWLY INTO THE BEST OF WHAT I DO NOW, I STILL SEE SIN, NEW SIN, MIXING ITSELF WITH THE BEST THAT I DO.

15 FAITHFUL TOLD ME THAT UNLESS I COULD OBTAIN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF A MAN THAT NEVER HAD SINNED, NEITHER MINE OWN NOR ALL THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE WORLD COULD SAVE ME.

16 HE TOLD ME HE WAS THE MIGHTY GOD AND DID WHAT HE DID, AND DIED THE DEATH ALSO, NOT FOR HIMSELF BUT FOR ME; TO WHOM HIS DOINGS AND THE WORTHINESS OF THEM SHOULD BE IMPUTED, IF I BELIEVED ON HIM.

17 I MADE MY OBJECTIONS AGAINST MY BELIEVING FOR THAT I THOUGHT HE WAS NOT WILLING TO SAVE ME.

18 HE BID ME SAY: GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER, AND MAKE ME TO KNOW AND BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST.

19 LORD, TAKE, THEREFORE, THIS OPPORTUNITY AND MAGNIFY THY GRACE IN THE SALVATION OF MY SOUL THROUGH THY SON, JESUS CHRIST.

20 I THOUGHT WITH MYSELF, IF I LEAVE OFF I DIE, AND I CAN BUT DIE AT THE THRONE OF GRACE. IF IT TARRY, WAIT FOR IT, BECAUSE IT WILL SURELY COME; IT WILL NOT TARRY.

21 I SAW THE LORD JESUS LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN UPON ME AND SAYING, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED.

22 BE AWAKENED, THEN, SEE THINE OWN WRETCHEDNESS AND FLY TO THE LORD JESUS, AND BY HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, THOU SHALT BE DELIVERED FROM CONDEMNATION.

23 REMEMBER, MAN, IN TIME; STOOP —DO NOT FEAR. GOOD COUNSEL TAKEN WELL, SAVES: THEREFORE, HEAR.

24 THEY BEGIN TO PICK HOLES, AS WE SAY, IN THE COATS OF SOME OF THE GODLY; AND THAT DEVILISHLY, THAT THEY MAY HAVE A SEEMING COLOR TO THROW RELIGION BEHIND THEIR BACKS.

25 THEN, BEING HARDENED, THEY SHEW THEMSELVES AS THEY ARE.

26 ENTERING INTO THE COUNTRY OF BEULAH, WHOSE AIR WAS VERY SWEET AND PLEASANT, THE WAY LYING DIRECTLY THROUGH IT, THEY SOLACED THEMSELVES FOR A SEASON.

27 HERE THEY HEARD CONTINUALLY THE SINGING OF BIRDS, AND SAW EVERY DAY THE FLOWERS APPEAR IN THE EARTH.

28 HERE THEY WERE IN SIGHT OF THE CITY THEY WERE GOING TO, ALSO HERE MET THEM, SOME OF THE INHABITANTS THEREOF.

29 FOR IN THIS LAND THE SHINING ONES COMMONLY WALKED, BECAUSE IT WAS UPON THE BORDERS OF HEAVEN.

30 IN THIS PLACE THEY MET WITH ABUNDANCE OF WHAT THEY HAD SOUGHT FOR IN ALL THEIR PILGRIMAGE.

JULY

1 AT THE SIGHT THEREFORE OF THIS RIVER THE PILGRIMS WERE MUCH STUNNED; YOU MUST GO THROUGH, OR YOU CANNOT COME AT THE GATE.

2 THESE TROUBLES AND DISTRESSES THAT YOU GO THROUGH IN THESE WATERS ARE NO SIGN THAT GOD HATH FORSAKEN YOU, BUT ARE SENT TO TRY YOU WHETHER YOU WILL CALL TO MIND THAT WHICH HERETOFORE YOU HAVE RECEIVED OF HIS GOODNESS, AND LIVE UPON HIM IN YOUR DISTRESSES.

3 WHEN THOU PASSEST THROUGH THE WATERS I WILL BE WITH THEE, AND THROUGH THE RIVERS THEY SHALL NOT OVERFLOW THEE.

4 THEY LEFT THEIR MORTAL GARMENTS BEHIND THEM IN THE RIVER, FOR THOUGH THEY WENT IN WITH THEM, THEY CAME OUT WITHOUT THEM.

5 THEY THEREFORE WENT UP THROUGH THE REGIONS OF THE AIR, SWEETLY TALKING AS THEY WENT, BEING COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY SAFELY GOT OVER THE RIVER, AND HAD SUCH GLORIOUS COMPANIONS TO ATTEND THEM.

6 YOU ARE GOING NOW TO THE PARADISE OF GOD, WHEREIN YOU SHALL SEE THE TREE OF LIFE, AND EAT OF THE NEVER FADING FRUITS THEREOF.

7 AND WHEN YOU COME THERE, YOU SHALL HAVE WHITE ROBES GIVEN YOU, AND YOUR WALK AND TALK SHALL BE EVERY DAY WITH THE KING, EVEN ALL THE DAYS OF ETERNITY.

8 IN THAT PLACE YOU MUST WEAR CROWNS OF GOLD AND ENJOY PERPETUAL SIGHT AND VISION OF THE HOLY ONE, FOR THERE YOU SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.

9 THERE YOU SHALL ENJOY YOUR FRIENDS AGAIN THAT ARE GONE THITHER BEFORE YOU; AND THERE YOU SHALL WITH JOY RECEIVE EVEN EVERY ONE THAT FOLLOWS INTO THE HOLY PLACE AFTER YOU.

10 WHEN HE SHALL COME WITH SOUND OF TRUMPET IN THE CLOUDS, AS UPON THE WINGS OF THE WIND, YOU SHALL COME WITH HIM.

11 NOW WHEN THEY WERE COME UP TO THE GATE THERE WAS WRITTEN OVER IT IN LETTERS OF GOLD, BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY.

12 BEHOLD, THE CITY SHONE LIKE THE SUN; THE STREETS WERE PAVED WITH GOLD, AND IN THEM WALKED MANY MEN WITH CROWNS ON THEIR HEADS, PALMS IN THEIR HANDS, AND GOLDEN HARPS TO SING PRAISES WITHAL.

13 AND AFTER THAT THEY SHUT UP THE GATES, WHICH WHEN I HAD SEEN I WISHED MYSELF AMONG THEM.

14 NOW READER, I HAVE TOLD MY DREAM TO THEE, SEE IF THOU CANST INTERPRET IT TO ME OR TO THYSELF, OR NEIGHBOR; BUT TAKE HEED OF MIS-INTERPRETING; FOR THAT, INSTEAD OF DOING GOOD, WILL BUT THY-SELF ABUSE: BY MIS-INTERPRETING, EVIL ENSUES.

15 TAKE HEED ALSO, THAT THOU BE NOT EXTREME IN PLAYING WITH THE OUTSIDE OF MY DREAM.

16 NOR LET MY FIGURE OR SIMILI-TUDE PUT THEE INTO A LAUGH-TER OR A FEUD.

17 LEAVE THIS FOR BOYS AND FOOLS, BUT AS FOR THEE, DO THOU THE SUBSTANCE OF MY MATTER SEE.

JULY

18 PUT BY THE CURTAINS, LOOK WITHIN MY VAIL; TURN UP MY METAPHORS, AND DO NOT FAIL, THERE IF THOU SEEKEST THEM, SUCH THINGS TO FIND AS WILL BE HELPFUL TO AN HONEST MIND.

19 WHAT OF MY DROSS THOU FINDEST THERE, BE BOLD TO THROW AWAY, BUT YET PRESERVE THE GOLD.

20 WHAT IF MY GOLD BE WRAPPED UP IN ORE, NONE THROWS AWAY THE APPLE FOR THE CORE.

21 BUT IF THOU SHALL CAST ALL AWAY AS VAIN, I KNOW NOT BUT 'TWILL MAKE ME DREAM AGAIN.

22 TELL THEM THAT THEY HAVE LEFT THEIR HOUSE AND HOME, ARE TURNED PILGRIMS, SEEK A WORLD TO COME; THAT THEY HAVE MET WITH HARDSHIPS IN THE WAY, THAT THEY DO MEET WITH TROUBLES NIGHT AND DAY.

July

23 Yea, tell them also of the next who have, of love to pilgrimage, been stout and brave defenders of that way, and how they still refuse this world to do their father's will.

24 Go tell them also of those dainty things that pilgrimage unto the pilgrim brings.

25 Let them acquainted be, too, how they are beloved of their king, under his care, what goodly mansions for them he provides, though they meet with rough winds and swelling tides.

26 But how if they will not believe of me, that I am truly thine, 'cause some there be that counterfeit the pilgrim and his name, seek by disguise to seem the very same.

JULY

27 IF SUCH THOU MEETEST WITH, THEN THINE ONLY SAY, BEFORE THEM ALL IS TO SAY OUT THY SAY, IN THINE OWN NATIVE LANGUAGE WHICH NO MAN NOW USETH, NOR WITH EASE DISSEMBLE CAN.

28 MY PILGRIM'S BOOK HAS TRAVELED SEA AND LAND, YET COULD I NEVER COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS SLIGHTED, OR TURNED OUT OF DOOR BY ANY KINGDOM, WERE THEY RICH OR POOR.

29 HIGHLANDERS AND WILD IRISH CAN AGREE, MY PILGRIM SHOULD FAMILIAR WITH THEM BE.

30 YOUNG LADIES, AND YOUNG GENTLE-WOMEN TOO, DO NO SMALL KINDNESS TO MY PILGRIM SHOW.

JULY

31 THEY THAT HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM, YET ADMIRE WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD OF HIM, AND MUCH DESIRE TO HAVE HIS COMPANY, AND HEAR HIM TELL THOSE PILGRIM STORIES WHICH HE KNOWS SO WELL.

AUGUST

1 THE MERCIFUL ONE HAS SENT ME TO TELL THEE THAT HE IS A GOD READY TO FORGIVE, AND THAT HE TAKETH DELIGHT TO MULTIPLY TO PARDON OFFENCES.

2 HE WOULD ALSO HAVE THEE KNOW THAT HE INVITETH THEE TO COME INTO HIS PRESENCE, TO HIS TABLE, AND THAT HE WILL FEED THEE WITH THE FAT OF HIS HOUSE.

3 THEY WILL ALL BE GLAD WHEN THEY SHALL HEAR THE SOUND OF THY FEET STEP OVER THY FATHER'S THRESHOLD.

4 COME, MY CHILDREN, LET US PACK UP AND BE GONE TO THE GATE THAT LEADS TO THE CELESTIAL COUNTRY.

5 THE PRINCE OF THE PLACE HAS ALSO SENT FOR ME WITH PROMISE OF ENTERTAINMENT IF I SHALL COME TO HIM.

August

6 HIS MESSENGER WAS HERE EVEN NOW, AND HAS BROUGHT ME A LETTER WHICH INVITES ME TO COME.

7 I HAVE NOW A PRICE PUT INTO MY HAND TO GET GAIN, AND I SHOULD BE A FOOL OF THE GREATEST SIZE IF I SHOULD HAVE NO HEART TO STRIKE IN WITH THE OPPORTUNITY.

8 AND FOR THAT YOU TELL ME OF ALL THESE TROUBLES THAT I AM LIKE TO MEET WITH IN THE WAY, THEY ARE SO FAR OFF FROM BEING TO ME A DISCOURAGEMENT THAT THEY SHEW I AM IN THE RIGHT.

9 THE BITTER MUST COME BEFORE THE SWEET, AND THAT ALSO WILL MAKE THE SWEET THE SWEETER.

10 I WILL YET HAVE MORE TALK WITH THIS CHRISTIANA, AND IF I FIND TRUTH AND LIFE IN WHAT SHE SHALL SAY, MYSELF WITH MY HEART, SHALL ALSO GO WITH HER.

August

11 I THINK TO WALK THIS SUNSHINE MORNING A LITTLE WAY WITH HER, TO HELP HER ON THE WAY.

12 I TAKE THIS AS AN UNEXPECTED FAVOR THAT THOU SHOULDST SET FOOT OUT OF DOORS WITH ME, TO ACCOMPANY ME A LITTLE IN MY WAY.

13 THE KING WHO HATH SENT FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN, IS ONE THAT DELIGHTETH IN MERCY.

14 GO WITH ME TO THE WICKET GATE, AND THERE I WILL FURTHER ENQUIRE FOR THEE, AND IF THERE THOU SHALT NOT MEET WITH ENCOURAGEMENT I WILL BE CONTENT THAT THOU SHALT RETURN TO THY PLACE.

15 THEN I WILL GO THITHER, AND WILL TAKE WHAT SHALL FOLLOW, AND THE LORD GRANT THAT MY LOT MAY THERE FALL, EVEN AS THE KING OF HEAVEN SHALL HAVE HIS HEART UPON ME.

August

16 I HOPE MERCY, THESE TEARS OF THINE WILL NOT BE LOST, FOR THE TRUTH HATH SAID, THAT THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY, IN SINGING.

17 LET THE MOST BLESSED BE MY GUIDE, IF'T BE HIS BLESSED WILL, UNTO HIS GATE, INTO HIS FOLD, UP TO HIS HOLY HILL.

18 AND NEVER LET HIM SUFFER ME, TO SWERVE OR TURN ASIDE FROM HIS FREE GRACE AND HOLY WAYS, WHAT E'ER SHALL ME BE-TIDE.

19 AND LET HIM GATHER THEM OF MINE, THAT I HAVE LEFT BEHIND; LORD MAKE THEM PRAY THEY MAY BE THINE, WITH ALL THEIR HEART AND MIND.

20 LET NOT OUR LORD BE OF-FENDED WITH HIS HAND-MAIDENS, FOR THAT WE HAVE KNOCKED AT THIS PRINCELY GATE.

August

21 HE TOOK HER BY THE HAND AND LET HER IN, AND SAID ALSO, SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME.

22 AS MY LORD SEES, I AM COME, AND IF THERE IS ANY GRACE OR FORGIVENESS OF SIN TO SPARE, I BESEECH THAT I, THY POOR HAND-MAID MAY BE PARTAKER THEREOF.

23 I PRAY FOR ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE ON ME, BY WHAT MEANS SOEVER THEY COME UNTO ME.

24 HE SPAKE MANY GOOD WORDS UNTO THEM WHEREBY THEY WERE GREATLY GLADDED.

25 CAN YOU NOT TELL HOW YOU KNOCKED? I AM SURE YOUR KNOCKS WERE SO EARNEST THAT THE VERY SOUND OF THEM MADE ME START.

26 THE BEGGARS THAT GO FROM DOOR TO DOOR WILL, RATHER THAN THEY WILL LOSE A SUPPOSED ALMS, RUN THE HAZARD OF THE HOWLING, BARKING, AND BITING TOO OF A DOG.

27 SO I SAW IN MY DREAM THAT THEY WALKED ON THEIR WAY, AND HAD THE WEATHER VERY COMFORTABLE TO THEM.

28 IT IS NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY TO GRANT THINGS NOT ASKED FOR, LEST BY SO DOING THEY BECOME OF LITTLE ESTEEM.

29 TO GO BACK AGAIN, YOU NEED NOT, FOR IN ALL PLACES WHERE YOU SHALL COME YOU SHALL FIND NO WANT AT ALL.

30 FOR IN EVERY OF MY LORD'S LODGINGS WHICH HE HAS PREPARED FOR THE RECEPTION OF HIS PILGRIMS, THERE IS SUFFICIENT TO FURNISH THEM AGAINST ALL ATTEMPTS WHATSOEVER.

August

31 He will be enquired of by them to do it for them, and it is a poor thing that is not worth asking for.

SEPTEMBER

1 AS BY THIS NEGLECT WE HAVE AN OCCASION MINISTRED UNTO US TO BEHOLD OUR OWN IMPERFECTIONS, SO OUR LORD HAS TAKEN OCCASION THEREBY TO MAKE MANIFEST THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.

2 FOR HE, AS WE SEE, HAS FOLLOWED US WITH UNASKED KINDNESS, AND HAS DELIVERED US FROM THEIR HANDS THAT WERE STRONGER THAN WE, OF HIS MERE GOOD PLEASURE.

3 THEY DREW NIGH TO AN HOUSE WHICH STOOD IN THE WAY, WHICH HOUSE WAS BUILT FOR THE RELIEF OF PILGRIMS.

4 CHRISTIANA KNOCKED AS SHE HAD DONE AT THE GATE BEFORE, THERE CAME TO THE DOOR A YOUNG DAMSEL AND SAID TO THEM, WITH WHOM WOULD YOU SPEAK IN THIS PLACE?

September

5 Christiana answered, We understand that this is a privileged place for those that are become pilgrims, and we now at this door, are such.

6 We pray that we may be partakers of that for which we at this time are come.

7 I am that woman that was so hard-hearted as to slight my husband's troubles, and that left him to go on his journey alone, but now I also am come, for I am convinced that no way is right but this.

8 Then is fulfilled that which also is written of the man who said to his son, Go work to-day in my vineyard, and he said to his father I will not, but afterwards repented and went.

9 WE WERE TALKING OF THEE BUT NOW, FOR TIDINGS HAD COME TO US BEFORE HOW THOU ART BECOME A PILGRIM.

10 GOD MAKE IT A TRUE SAYING UPON ME, AND GRANT THAT I MAY BE FOUND AT THE LAST OF HIM IN PEACE WITHOUT SPOT AND BLAMELESS.

11 SO WHEN THEY WERE WITHIN, THEY WERE BIDDEN SIT DOWN AND REST THEM; THE WHICH WHEN THEY HAD DONE, THOSE THAT ATTENDED UPON THE PILGRIMS IN THE HOUSE, CAME INTO THE ROOM TO SEE THEM.

12 AND ONE SMILED, AND ANOTHER SMILED, AND THEY ALL SMILED FOR JOY THAT CHRISTIANA WAS BECOME A PILGRIM.

13 THE INTERPRETER HAS THEM FIRST INTO A ROOM WHERE WAS A MAN THAT COULD LOOK NO WAY BUT DOWNWARDS, WITH A MUCK-RAKE IN HIS HAND.

14 THERE STOOD ALSO ONE OVER HIS HEAD WITH A CELESTIAL CROWN IN HIS HAND, AND PROFFERED HIM THAT CROWN FOR HIS MUCK-RAKE.

15 BUT THE MAN DID NEITHER LOOK UP NOR REGARD, BUT RAKED TO HIMSELF THE STRAWS, THE SMALL STICKS AND DUST OF THE FLOOR.

16 NOW WHEREAS IT WAS ALSO SHOWED THEE THAT THE MAN WOULD LOOK NO WAY BUT DOWNWARDS, IT IS TO LET THEE KNOW THAT EARTHLY THINGS, WHEN THEY ARE WITH POWER UPON MEN'S MINDS, QUITE CARRY THEIR HEARTS AWAY FROM GOD.

September

17 GIVE ME NOT RICHES, IS SCARCELY THE PRAYER OF ONE OF TEN THOUSAND; STRAWS AND STICKS AND DUST WITH MOST ARE THE GREAT THINGS NOW LOOKED AFTER.

18 THE SPIDER TAKETH HOLD WITH HER HANDS AS YOU SEE, AND IS IN KING'S PALACES. WHEREFORE IS THIS RECORDED BUT TO SHOW YOU THAT HOW FULL OF THE VENOM OF SIN SOEVER YOU BE, YET YOU MAY BY THE HAND OF FAITH LAY HOLD OF AND DWELL IN THE BEST ROOM THAT BELONGS TO THE KING'S HOUSE ABOVE.

19 ONE OF THE CHICKENS WENT TO THE TROUGH TO DRINK, AND EVERY TIME SHE DRANK SHE LIFT UP HER HEAD AND HER EYES TOWARDS HEAVEN.

20 SEE, WHAT THIS LITTLE CHICK DOTH, AND LEARN OF HER TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHENCE YOUR MERCIES COME, BY RECEIVING THEM AND LOOKING UP.

21 YOU MUST LEARN OF THE SHEEP TO SUFFER, AND TO PUT UP WRONGS WITHOUT MURMURINGS AND COMPLAINTS.

22 FRUIT YOU SEE IS THAT THING YOU LOOK FOR, AND FOR WANT OF THAT YOU CONDEMN IT TO THE FIRE, AND TO BE TRODDEN UNDER FOOT OF MEN; BEWARE THAT IN THIS YOU CONDEMN NOT YOURSELVES.

23 THERE IS A DESIRE IN WOMEN TO GO NEAT AND FINE, AND IT IS A COMELY THING TO BE ADORNED WITH THAT, THAT IN GOD'S SIGHT IS OF GREAT PRICE.

24 'TIS EASIER WATCHING A NIGHT OR TWO, THAN TO SIT UP A WHOLE YEAR TOGETHER; SO 'TIS EASIER FOR ONE TO BEGIN TO PROFESS WELL, THAN TO HOLD OUT AS HE SHOULD TO THE END.

25 EVERY SHIP-MASTER WHEN IN A STORM, WILL WILLINGLY CAST THAT OVERBOARD THAT IS OF THE SMALLEST VALUE IN THE VESSEL; BUT WHO WILL THROW THE BEST OUT FIRST? NONE BUT HE THAT FEARETH NOT GOD.

26 ONE LEAK WILL SINK A SHIP, AND ONE SIN WILL DESTROY A SINNER.

27 HE THAT FORGETS HIS FRIEND IS UNGRATEFUL UNTO HIM, BUT HE THAT FORGETS HIS SAVIOUR IS UNMERCIFUL TO HIMSELF.

28 IF A MAN WOULD LIVE WELL, LET HIM FETCH HIS LAST DAY TO HIM, AND MAKE IT ALWAYS HIS COMPANY KEEPER.

29 IF THE LIFE THAT IS ATTENDED WITH SO MANY TROUBLES, IS SO LOTH TO BE LET GO BY US, WHAT IS THE LIFE ABOVE?

30 WE SELDOM SIT DOWN TO MEAT, BUT WE EAT AND LEAVE; SO THERE IS IN JESUS CHRIST MORE MERIT AND RIGHTEOUSNESS THAN THE WHOLE WORLD HAS NEED OF.

OCTOBER

1 THE LORD IS ONLY MY SUPPORT, AND HE THAT DOTH ME FEED; HOW CAN I THEN WANT ANYTHING WHEREOF I STAND IN NEED!

2 "THE LORD RECOMPENSE THY WORK, AND A FULL REWARD BE GIVEN THEE OF THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, UNDER WHOSE WINGS THOU ART COME TO TRUST" [RUTH 2: 12].

3 HE HAS MORE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAN YOU HAVE NEED OF, OR THAN HE NEEDETH HIMSELF.

4 THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, SINCE CHRIST JESUS THE LORD HAS MADE HIMSELF UNDER THE LAW, MUST BE GIVEN AWAY: FOR THE LAW DOTH NOT ONLY BIND HIM THAT IS UNDER IT TO DO JUSTLY, BUT TO USE CHARITY.

5 NOW OUR LORD INDEED HATH TWO COATS, ONE FOR HIMSELF, AND ONE TO SPARE; WHEREFORE HE FREELY BESTOWS ONE UPON THOSE THAT HAVE NONE.

6 THE LORD BE WITH THEE, AND ADD TO ALL THY BLESSINGS MUCH INCREASE, FOR THE KINDNESS THAT THOU HAST SHEWED ME.

7 I AM PERSUADED BY WHAT I HAVE FELT, THO' I HAVE FELT BUT LITTLE AS YET, THAT IF THE MOST BURDENED MAN IN THE WORLD WAS HERE, AND DID SEE AND BELIEVE AS I NOW DO, 'TWOULD MAKE HIS HEART THE MORE MERRY AND BLITHE.

8 YOU SPEAK NOW IN THE WARMTH OF YOUR AFFECTIONS: WILL IT, THINK YOU, BE ALWAYS THUS WITH YOU?

OCTOBER

9 HOW SWEET IS REST TO THEM THAT LABOR, AND HOW GOOD IS THE PRINCE OF PILGRIMS TO PROVIDE SUCH RESTING PLACES FOR THEM.

10 THOU SHALT BE A SHARER IN ALL THE GOOD THAT I HAVE, BECAUSE THOU SO WILLINGLY DIDST BECOME MY COMPANION.

11 PILGRIMS SHOULD WATCH, AND REMEMBER WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED UNDER THEIR GREATEST ENJOYMENTS: BUT, FOR WANT OF DOING SO, OFT-TIMES THEIR REJOICING ENDS IN TEARS, AND THEIR SUN-SHINE IN A CLOUD.

12 I KNOW NOT HOW TO BE WILLING YOU SHOULD LEAVE US IN OUR PILGRIMAGE; YOU HAVE BEEN SO FAITHFUL AND LOVING TO US, THAT I SHALL NEVER FORGET YOUR FAVOR TOWARDS US.

OCTOBER

13 WE NEED NOT, WHEN A-BED, LIE AWAKE TO TALK WITH GOD. HE CAN VISIT US WHILE WE SLEEP, AND CAUSE US THEN TO HEAR HIS VOICE.

14 HIS NAME WAS MR. BRISK, A MAN OF SOME BREEDING, AND THAT PRETENDED TO RELIGION, BUT A MAN THAT STUCK VERY CLOSE TO THE WORLD.

15 MERCY IN OUR DAY IS LITTLE SET BY ANY FURTHER THAN AS TO ITS NAME; THE PRACTICE WHICH IS SET FORTH BY THY CONDITIONS THERE ARE BUT FEW THAT CAN ABIDE.

16 LET THY GARMENTS BE ALWAYS WHITE, AND LET THY HEAD WANT NO OINTMENT.

17 THROUGH ALL MY LIFE THY FAVOUR IS SO FRANKLY SHEWED TO ME, THAT IN THY HOUSE FOR EVERMORE MY DWELLING-PLACE SHALL BE.

18 FOR WHY? THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD, HIS MERCY IS FOREVER SURE; HIS TRUTH AT ALL TIMES FIRMLY STOOD, AND SHALL FROM AGE TO AGE ENDURE.

19 THEY ARE OUR COUNTRY BIRDS, THEY SING THESE NOTES BUT SELDOM, EXCEPT IT BE AT THE SPRING WHEN THE FLOWERS APPEAR, AND THE SUN SHINES WARM; AND THEN YOU MAY HEAR THEM ALL DAY LONG.

20 HE THAT IS DOWN NEEDS FEAR NO FALL, HE THAT IS LOW, NO PRIDE; HE THAT IS HUMBLE, EVER SHALL HAVE GOD TO BE HIS GUIDE

21 I AM CONTENT WITH WHAT I HAVE, LITTLE BE IT, OR MUCH; AND LORD, CONTENTMENT STILL I CRAVE, BECAUSE THOU SAVEST SUCH.

22 FULLNESS TO SUCH A BURDEN IS THAT GO ON PILGRIMAGE: HERE LITTLE, AND HEREAFTER BLISS IS BEST FROM AGE TO AGE.

23 THIS BOY LIVES A MERRIER LIFE AND WEARS MORE OF THAT HERB CALLED HEART'S-EASE IN HIS BOSOM THAN HE THAT IS CLAD IN SILK AND VELVET.

24 I MUST TELL YOU THAT IN FORMER TIMES MEN HAVE MET WITH ANGELS HERE, HAVE FOUND PEARLS HERE, AND HAVE IN THIS PLACE FOUND THE WORDS OF LIFE.

25 IF AT ANY TIME THE PILGRIMS MEET WITH ANY BRUNT, IT IS WHEN THEY FORGET WHAT FAVORS THEY HAVE RECEIVED, AND HOW UNWORTHY THEY ARE OF THEM.

26 MANY HAVE SPOKE OF IT, BUT NONE CAN TELL WHAT THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH SHOULD MEAN, UNTIL THEY COME IN IT THEMSELVES.

27 BUT LET THEM THAT WALK IN DARKNESS AND HAVE NO LIGHT TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, AND STAY UPON THEIR GOD.

OCTOBER

28 COME LET US PRAY FOR LIGHT TO HIM THAT CAN LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS, AND THAT CAN REBUKE NOT ONLY THESE BUT ALL THE SATANS IN HELL.

29 IT IS NOT SO BAD TO GO THROUGH HERE AS IT IS TO ABIDE HERE ALWAYS; ONE REASON WHY WE MUST GO THIS WAY TO THE HOUSE PREPARED FOR US, IS, THAT OUR HOME MIGHT BE MADE THE SWEETER TO US.

30 IF EVER I GET OUT HERE AGAIN, I THINK I SHALL PRIZE LIGHT AND GOOD WAY BETTER THAN EVER I DID IN ALL MY LIFE.

31 NOW GREAT HEART REPLIED, I AM A SERVANT OF THE GOD OF HEAVEN, MY BUSINESS IS TO PERSUADE SINNERS TO REPENTANCE.

NOVEMBER

1 IT IS MY DUTY TO DISTRUST MINE OWN ABILITY, THAT I MAY HAVE RELIANCE ON HIM THAT IS STRONGER THAN ALL.

2 FOR MY PART, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD DISTRUST OUR GOD ANY MORE, SINCE HE HAS NOW, AND IN SUCH A PLACE AS THIS, GIVEN US SUCH TESTIMONY OF HIS LOVE AS THIS.

3 FOR A CHRISTIAN CAN NEVER BE OVERCOME UNLESS HE SHALL YIELD OF HIMSELF.

4 BUT WAS A MAN IN A MOUNTAIN OF ICE, YET IF THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL ARISE UPON HIM HIS FROZEN HEART WILL FEEL A THAW.

5 BY MERCY, SHALT THOU BE SUSTAINED, AND CARRIED THROUGH ALL THOSE DIFFICULTIES THAT SHALL ASSAULT THEE IN THY WAY; TILL THOU SHALT COME THITHER WHERE THOU SHALT LOOK THE FOUNTAIN OF MERCY IN THE FACE WITH COMFORT.

6 HE WAS ALWAYS AFRAID THAT HE SHOULD COME SHORT OF WHITHER HE HAD A DESIRE TO GO.

7 EVERYTHING FRIGHTENED HIM THAT, HE HEARD ANYBODY SPEAK OF, THAT HAD BUT THE LEAST APPEARANCE OF OPPOSITION IN IT.

8 THE CELESTIAL CITY, HE SAID, HE SHOULD DIE IF HE CAME NOT TO IT, AND YET WAS DEJECTED AT EVERY DIFFICULTY, AND STUMBLED AT EVERY STRAW THAT ANYBODY CAST IN HIS WAY.

9 WELL, AFTER HE HAD LAIN AT THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND A GREAT WHILE, AS I HAVE TOLD YOU, ONE SUNSHINE MORNING, I DO NOT KNOW HOW, HE VENTURED AND SO GOT OVER.

10 PEACE BE TO THEE, UP, FOR I HAVE SET OPEN THE DOOR TO THEE, COME IN, FOR THOU ART BLEST.

11 AT LAST HE CAME IN, AND I WILL SAY THAT FOR MY LORD, HE CARRIED IT WONDERFUL LOVINGLY TO HIM.

12 WHEN WE CAME TO THE HILL DIFFICULTY HE MADE NO STICK AT THAT, NOR DID HE MUCH FEAR THE LIONS: FOR YOU MUST KNOW THAT HIS TROUBLE WAS NOT ABOUT SUCH THINGS AS THOSE, HIS FEAR WAS ABOUT HIS ACCEPTANCE AT LAST.

13 HE WAS SO AFRAID OF DOING INJURIES TO OTHERS, THAT HE OFTEN WOULD DENY HIMSELF OF THAT WHICH WAS LAWFUL, BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT OFFEND.

14 THE FIRST STRING THAT THE MUSICIAN USUALLY TOUCHES IS THE BASS, WHEN HE INTENDS TO PUT ALL IN TUNE; GOD ALSO PLAYS UPON THIS STRING FIRST, WHEN HE SETS THE SOUL IN TUNE FOR HIMSELF.

15 I DARE BELIEVE THAT AS THE PROVERB IS, HE COULD HAVE BIT A FIRE-BRAND HAD IT STOOD IN HIS WAY; BUT THE THINGS WITH WHICH HE WAS OPPRESSED, NO MAN EVER YET COULD SHAKE OFF WITH EASE.

16 HIS TROUBLES LAY SO HARD UPON HIM, THEY MADE HIM THAT HE COULD NOT KNOCK AT THE HOUSES PROVIDED FOR ENTERTAINMENT, BUT MY TROUBLE WAS ALWAYS SUCH AS MADE ME KNOCK THE LOUDER.

17 OH, THOUGHT I, MAY I HAVE THE HAPPINESS TO HAVE A HABITATION THERE, 'TIS ENOUGH THOUGH I PART WITH ALL THE WORLD TO WIN IT.

18 THO' THERE IS NOT ALWAYS GRACE WHERE THERE IS THE FEAR OF HELL, YET TO BE SURE THERE IS NO GRACE WHERE THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD.

19 THOU HAST HIT THE MARK, FOR THE FEAR OF GOD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND TO BE SURE THEY THAT WANT THE BEGINNING HAVE NEITHER MIDDLE NOR END.

20 HE HELD THAT A MAN MIGHT FOLLOW THE VICES AS WELL AS THE VIRTUES OF THE PILGRIMS, AND THAT IF HE DID BOTH HE SHOULD BE CERTAINLY SAVED.

21 FOR INDEED WE ARE EXEMPTED FROM NO VICE ABSOLUTELY, BUT ON CONDITION THAT WE WATCH AND STRIVE.

22 FOR THIS IS AS MUCH AS TO SAY THAT BECAUSE GOOD MEN HERETOFORE HAVE SINNED OF INFIRMITY, THEREFORE HE HAD ALLOWANCE TO DO IT OF A PRESUMPTUOUS MIND.

23 I HAVE SEEN SOME THAT HAVE SET OUT AS IF THEY WOULD DRIVE ALL THE WORLD AFORE THEM, WHO YET HAVE IN A FEW DAYS DIED AS THEY IN THE WILDERNESS, AND SO NEVER GOT SIGHT OF THE PROMISED LAND.

24 I HAVE SEEN SOME THAT PROMISED NOTHING AT FIRST SETTING OUT TO BE PILGRIMS, AND THAT ONE WOULD A THOUGHT COULD NOT HAVE LIVED A DAY, THAT HAVE PROVED VERY GOOD PILGRIMS.

25 I HAVE HEARD SOME WHEN THEY FIRST SET OUT FOR PARADISE, SAY POSITIVELY THERE IS SUCH A PLACE, WHO WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN ALMOST THERE, HAVE COME BACK AGAIN AND SAID THERE IS NONE.

26 THEN SAID MR. GREAT HEART, WHAT HAST THOU FOR SUPPER? FOR THESE PILGRIMS HAVE COME FAR TO-DAY, AND ARE WEARY.

27 IT IS LATE, SO WE CANNOT CONVENIENTLY GO OUT TO SEEK FOOD, BUT SUCH AS WE HAVE YOU SHALL BE WELCOME IF THAT WILL CONTENT.

28 WE WILL BE CONTENT WITH WHAT THOU HAST IN THE HOUSE, FORASMUCH AS I HAVE PROVED THEE, THOU ART NEVER DESTITUTE OF THAT WHICH IS CONVENIENT.

November

29 Come my good friends you are welcome to me, and while supper is making ready, if you please, let us entertain one another with some good discourse.

30 All preaching books and ordinances here, are but as the laying of the trenchers and as setting of salt upon the board, when compared with the feast that our Lord will make for us when we come to his house.

DECEMBER

1 I HAVE LEARNED OF MY LORD TO BE KIND, AND HAVE FOUND BY EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE GAINED THEREBY.

2 FOR THAT WHICH HEADS IT AGAINST THE GREATEST OPPOSITION, GIVES BEST DEMONSTRATION THAT IT IS STRONGEST.

3 JUST LIKE THOSE THAT KNOW NOT THAT PRECIOUS STONES ARE COVERED OVER WITH A HOMELY CRUST, WHO WHEN THEY HAVE FOUND ONE, BECAUSE THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY HAVE FOUND, CAST IT AGAIN AWAY AS MEN DO A COMMON STONE.

4 THIS, I HAVE RESOLVED ON, TO RUN WHEN I CAN, TO GO WHEN I CANNOT RUN, AND TO CREEP WHEN I CANNOT GO.

5 MY WAY IS BEFORE ME, MY MIND IS BEYOND THE RIVER THAT HAS NO BRIDGE, THO' I AM AS YOU SEE BUT OF A FEEBLE MIND.

6 ONE THAT WOULD BE RELIGIOUS WHICH WAY EVER THE WORLD WENT, BUT SO CUNNING THAT HE WOULD BE SURE NEITHER TO LOSE OR SUFFER FOR IT.

7 THE SIGHT OF GOOD MEN TO THEM THAT ARE GOING ON PILGRIMAGE, IS LIKE TO THE APPEARING OF MOON AND STARS TO THEM THAT ARE SAILING UPON THE SEAS.

8 THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT THEY HAVE NEED TO BE POSSESSED WITH THAT GO ON PILGRIMAGE, COURAGE AND AN UNSPOTTED LIFE.

9 THIS DAY I SEE THAT GRACE DOTH SHINE IN YOUR FACE, AND THAT YOU ARE MY LORD'S SHEPHERD INDEED; FOR THAT YOU HAVE NOT PUSHED THESE DISEASED NEITHER WITH SIDE NOR SHOULDER, BUT HAVE RATHER STREWED THEIR WAY INTO THE PALACE WITH FLOWERS, AS YOU SHOULD.

10 AND HE IS GOT THERE TO TEACH PILGRIMS HOW TO BELIEVE DOWN OR TUMBLE OUT OF THEIR WAYS, DIFFICULTIES THEY SHALL MEET WITH BY FAITH.

11 IT WAS SO; I BELIEVED, AND THEREFORE CAME OUT, GOT INTO THE WAY, FOUGHT ALL THAT SET THEMSELVES AGAINST ME, AND BY BELIEVING AM COME TO THIS PLACE.

12 THEN THOUGHT I WITH MYSELF, WHO THAT GOETH ON PILGRIMAGE, BUT WOULD HAVE ONE OF THESE MAPS ABOUT HIM, THAT HE MAY LOOK WHEN HE IS AT A STAND, WHICH IS THE WAY HE MUST TAKE?

13 SO THEY WENT ON AND LOOKED BEFORE THEM; AND BEHOLD THEY SAW, AS THEY THOUGHT, A MAN UPON HIS KNEES WITH HANDS AND EYES LIFT UP, AND SPEAKING AS THEY THOUGHT EARNESTLY TO ONE THAT WAS ABOVE.

14 AFTER THIS I BEHELD UNTIL THEY WERE COME TO THE LAND OF BEULAH WHERE THE SUN SHINETH NIGHT AND DAY.

15 SO THEY WERE CONTENT TO COMMIT THEIR LITTLE ONES TO HIM WHERE THE MEADOWS ARE GREEN ALL THE YEAR LONG, AND WHERE THEY MIGHT LIE DOWN SAFELY.

16 IN THIS LAND THEY HEARD NOTHING, SAW NOTHING, FELT NOTHING, SMELT NOTHING, TASTED NOTHING THAT WAS OFFENSIVE.

17 IT WAS HERE ALSO MUCH DISCOURSED HOW THE RIVER TO SOME HAD ITS FLOWINGS, AND WHAT EBBINGS IT HAS HAD WHILE OTHERS HAVE GONE OVER.

18 THY TRAVEL HITHER HAS BEEN WITH DIFFICULTY, BUT THAT WILL MAKE THY REST THE SWEETER; BUT WATCH AND BE READY, FOR AT AN HOUR WHEN YOU THINK NOT, THE MESSENGER MAY COME.

19 I AM COME TO TELL THEE THAT THY MASTER HAS NEED OF THEE, AND THAT IN VERY LITTLE TIME THOU MUST BEHOLD HIS FACE IN BRIGHTNESS.

20 THEN THERE CAME FORTH A SUMMONS THAT HE MUST PREPARE FOR A CHANGE OF LIFE, FOR HIS MASTER WAS NOT WILLING THAT HE SHOULD BE SO FAR FROM HIM ANY LONGER.

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21 THE KING WHOM YOU LOVE AND SERVE MAKE YOU AS YOUR FATHER, AND BRING YOU WHERE HE IS IN PEACE.

22 MY MARKS AND SCARS I CARRY WITH ME TO BE A WITNESS FOR ME THAT I HAVE FOUGHT HIS BATTLES, WHO NOW WILL BE MY REWARDER.

23 I SEE MYSELF NOW AT THE END OF MY JOURNEY, MY TOILSOME DAYS ARE ENDED, I AM GOING NOW TO SEE THAT HEAD THAT WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS, AND THAT FACE THAT WAS SPIT UPON FOR ME.

24 I HAVE FORMERLY LIVED BY HEAR-SAY AND FAITH, BUT NOW I GO WHERE I SHALL LIVE BY SIGHT, AND SHALL BE WITH HIM IN WHOSE COMPANY I DELIGHT MYSELF.

25 FOR AS DEATH AND THE CURSE CAME INTO THE WORLD BY A WOMAN, SO ALSO DID LIFE AND HEALTH: GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON MADE OF A WOMAN.

26 WHEN THE SAVIOUR WAS COME, WOMEN REJOICED IN HIM BEFORE EITHER MAN OR ANGEL.

27 I READ NOT, THAT EVER ANY MAN DID GIVE UNTO CHRIST SO MUCH AS ONE GROAT, BUT THE WOMEN FOLLOWED HIM AND MINISTERED TO HIM OF THEIR SUBSTANCE.

28 'TWAS A WOMAN THAT WASHED HIS FEET WITH TEARS, AND A WOMAN THAT ANOINTED HIS BODY TO THE BURIAL. THEY WERE WOMEN THAT WEPT WHEN HE WAS GOING TO THE CROSS, AND WOMEN THAT FOLLOWED HIM FROM THE CROSS AND SAT BY HIS SEPULCHRE WHEN HE WAS BURIED.

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29. THEY WERE WOMEN THAT WERE FIRST WITH HIM AT HIS RESURRECTION MORN, AND WOMEN THAT BROUGHT TIDING FIRST TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE WAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; WOMEN THEREFORE ARE HIGHLY FAVORED AND SHARERS WITH US IN THE GRACE OF LIFE.

30. I HAVE LOVED TO HEAR MY LORD SPOKEN OF, AND WHEREVER I HAVE SEEN THE PRINT OF HIS SHOE IN THE EARTH, THERE I HAVE COVETED TO SET MY FOOT TOO. HIS NAME HAS BEEN TO ME AS A CIVET BOX, YEA, SWEETER THAN ALL PERFUMES.

31. SHALL IT BE MY LOT TO GO THIS WAY AGAIN, I MAY GIVE THOSE THAT DESIRE IT AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT I HERE AM SILENT ABOUT; MEANTIME I BID MY READER, ADIEU.

"NOW MAY THIS LITTLE BOOK
A BLESSING BE,
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